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We elders stayed until midnight. Enroute to the Alsops, we visited the Achesons--Dean in terrific form. They are leaving tomorrow for Cambodia, where they will stay with Prince Sihanouk.

January 7, 1962 - Sunday

Fine day, 40°. I did chores, business and personal. E, Sasha, David and I lunched at the Carriage House. Ethel Fowler and Jane McBaine had come to see us at noon.

This evening, the Phil Grahams, Susan Mary and Joe Alsop, Marion Schlesinger, came for tea or drinks. My last day in Washington; I'm sorry to leave.

January 8, 1962 - Monday

Clear. Went to Dr. Alexander Chase for small porcelain filling. He is not only an unusually skilled practitioner, but a man of delightful personality. Telephoned friends, and transacted some Department business before lunching with Jean Monnet at the F Street Club. The great man was optimistic about the future of the Free World, if only it will become more cohesive. He regards UK entry into the Common Market as an indispensable step toward any later movement toward a broader union, a thesis with which I heartily agree. We must be careful not to sacrifice the immediate necessity to a roseate hypothesis.

Left on the Congressional for New York. Read a life of Chateaubriand on the train. This vain, talented individual must have been a difficult companion, though a pleasant bedfellow for his admiring women.

Spent the night at The Brook.

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Only a Texan would have embarked on such an adventure. It seems that they had been promised a camel by the Sheik of Kuwait, and 30,000 children subscribed pennies and dimes for its transport. Then it was discovered that Kuwaiti camels could not enter United States, because of hoof and mouth disease. In fact, there are only four countries from which, for the same reason, camels can be admitted to our own. Some years ago, when the two pelicans in St. James Park, London, died, the British Government, in desperation, asked for replacements from America. Mr. Carter promptly flew over four pelicans from Texas, and presented them to the British Government. Now the British Government is sharing with the Australian Government the gift of one camel from Victoria, Australia, guaranteed to be free of hoof and mouth disease. In crossing the Pacific by air from Brisbane, there are only two places, because of hoof and mouth disease requirements, where a camel can be landed enroute to Texas. Neither of them is served by an air company, so Carter is engaged in trying to get a military plane from the Australians to accomplish his final purpose.

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The calfskin scroll has been signed by President Kennedy, Vice President Johnson, and a plethora of foreign Ambassadors in Washington. He brought it to me, in an attempt to secure the signature of the Prime Minister. If the Prime Minister ever heard this tale, I think he would sign. We will try it on him.

E and I dined tonight with Drew Middleton and his wife, at 15 North Court, Great Peter Street. Douglas Dodds-Parker, his wife, and Osbert Lancaster and his wife, were the other guests. We had a gay dinner, excellent food, as well as a fine 1953 Chateau Margaux. I had not seen Dodds-Parker, except casually since the war, when he was in S.O.E. He served for a time in Parliament, but now lives in Oxford and is active in educational matters. He talked about the Ditchley

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I shall not linger on personal recollections. But, reverting to an earlier observation ~~statement~~, I should like to emphasize the extraordinary phenomenon of the nomadic habits of Scots, without attempting to analyze the reasons for it.

Their travels were ubiquitous. They did not, where they went, ~~militantly~~, carry, like Spaniards, the cross and the sword, or attempt to impose their religious or political doctrines on foreigners. Their influence was milder, pacific, and more ~~perxsx~~ pervasive than what might have been accomplished by force of arms, or ecclesiastical rigidity. For reasons, not curious to those aware of Scottish racial characteristics, but confounding to others, Scottish wanderers quickly adapted themselves to habits of people amongst whom they had elected to reside.

In the early days, comparatively speaking, their capacity for assimilation may have been largely due to the importance they had, as a race, placed on education. A cultivated Scot was fully versed in a universal lingua franca, Latin. If he journeyed abroad, despite differences of diet and manners, he was immediately at ease with his ~~xxx~~peers.

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languages, in which ~~they were~~ it was written.

Poverty, from cradle to grave, was his unceasing lot. It ruined his health, but it could not utterly depress his spirits. Even the astounding success of his first published works brought him a pecuniary return of only twenty pounds. He was lionized at Edinburgh, but lived in a garret, with a friend, at the rate of three shillings a week.

It would be impertinent for me, and I would be incompetent, to speak at length of Burns as a poet. More than a hundred and sixty years after his death, his reputation for genius remains constant. He had never left his native land, except for one short journey across the border yet his imagination encompassed the globe. ~~Bay~~ Gay or despondent, well or ill, pure verse flowed from him as water from a spring.

When he should have been in the flower of his age, as he was in his mental powers, he was already physically old and exhausted. Few more pathetic words exist than those he used to describe his state, three months before his death. "I fear it will be some time before I tune my lyre again," he wrote. "By Babel's

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Statement of Official Expenditure as United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's from March 8, 1961 to December 31, 1961

Wages & Petty Cash Disbursements for Winfield House	22,450.00
Food for Household and Catering	14,430.92
Wines, Tobacco, and Catering	11,666.33
General Household Expenses	6,057.57
Laundry and Cleaning	2,096.29
Telephone and Cables	703.35
Automobile Running Expenses	604.25
Gifts and Subscriptions	310.87
Accounting Fees	717.50
	$59,037.08
Less	
Received from U.S. Government	
(a) Representation	2423.56
(b) Maintenance	9378.79
	11,802.35
Family Living Expenses (9 months) at $24,000 p.a.	18,000.00
	29,802.35
Net Total Over Spent	24,734.73
Less (as explained elsewhere) additional entertainment allowance	4,065.11
	20,669.62

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My cousin, Louise Hollyday, and her husband came to see me. He is in London as one of the "House and Home" group. Louise brought me messages from her mother, who will be 94 in July. Aunt Sally still wants me to visit [redacted] the McLane island of Iona, which I would much like to do.

Frank Lee came to lunch with me. He told me a fascinating story, contrary to rumors I had previously heard, of how Rowle Cromer had become Governor of the Bank of England. The post had been offered to Oliver Franks, who resolutely declined it, preferring to go to Oxford as a Don. Frank himself told me in confidence that he expected next week, to his utter surprise, to be asked to become head of a college at Cambridge. If so, he would gladly accept the position. I have seldom more enjoyed a lunch. We talked of abstract subjects, especially art, and never mentioned the current business ~~in which he is so deeply involved~~ between our two Governments.

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We had a reception at the residence tonight, in the course of which I handed out the Community Relations awards. The 200 or more guests were ~~Americans~~ and British engaged in fostering comity between their respective nationalities at the American Air Bases scattered around England. ~~Their success in this regard~~ has been noteworthy.

When I left the Embassy office this afternoon, I found it picketed by men carrying placards denouncing the suppression of the Communist Party in the United States.

After the reception tonight, E and I went to dine at the Hamish Hamiltons. The dinner was primarily for Princess Marina and her sister, Princess Olga. Gifted and amusing Steven Runciman and others were there. Princess Marina looks rather drawn and haggard, and her sister appeared more flourishing in looks.

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